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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The Decision to grant Applicant's Petition for Withdrawal from Issue of the above-referenced application was mailed May 1, 2003. The Decision indicated that the application was to be forwarded to Technology Center AU 2812 for processing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (submitted April 28, 2003).

More than **eleven (11) months** has passed from the Decision to grant the Petition, with no further communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Please advise as to the status of this application and when we can expect to receive the next communication.

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